



# News Release

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## 2010 Small Grains Production Estimates

### North Dakota

**Spring wheat** production for 2010 is estimated at 287 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast and 1 percent below last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The 2010 area harvested for grain, at 6.30 million acres, is equal to 2009. The yield of 45.5 bushels per acre is 0.5 bushels below the August forecast and also 0.5 bushels below last year's record high.

**Durum wheat** production is estimated at 70.3 million bushels, up 6 percent from August and 15 percent above 2009. Harvested acres, at 1.78 million, are up 13 percent from last year. The yield is a record high 39.5 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from August and 0.5 bushels above the previous record set in 2009.

**Winter wheat** production is estimated at 17.6 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year's record high of 26.2 million bushels. The area harvested for grain totaled 320,000 acres, down 41 percent from 2009. The yield is 55.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from August, but up 7.0 bushels from 2009 and 6.0 bushels above the previous record high set in 2007.

**All wheat** production is estimated at 375 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2009. The area harvested for grain totals 8.40 million acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. The average yield is 44.6 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels from last year's record high.

**Barley** production is estimated at 43.9 million bushels, down 15 percent from August and down 45 percent from 2009. Area harvested for grain, at 675,000 acres, is down 40 percent from last year. Average yield is 65.0 bushels per acre, the same as the August forecast, but 5.0 bushels below last year's record high.

**Oat** production is estimated at 6.93 million bushels, down 24 percent from August and 38 percent below 2009. Area harvested for grain, at 110,000 acres, is down from 165,000 acres last year. Estimated yield is 63.0 bushels per acre, down 7.0 bushels from August and 5.0 bushels below 2009.

### United States

**Spring wheat** production for 2010 is estimated at 627 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2009 and the third highest total on record. Harvested area is 13.4 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is a record high 46.9 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels higher than last year which was the previous record. Yields are above last year's level in all States except North Dakota and South Dakota.

**Durum wheat** production for 2010 is estimated at 111 million bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast and 2 percent higher than 2009. Grain area harvested is 2.53 million acres, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 4 percent from the previous year. The U.S. yield is 44.0 bushels per acre, 0.9 bushel lower than the record yield set last year but still the second highest yield on record.

**Winter wheat** production totaled 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast and 3 percent below last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 31.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the last forecast and down 8 percent from the previous year. The U.S. yield is 46.8 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from the previous year and the fourth highest on record.

**All wheat** production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2010, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from 2009. Grain area harvested is 47.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is a record high 46.7 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels higher than last year and 1.8 bushels higher than the previous record set in 2008.

**Barley** production is estimated at 182 million bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2009. Harvested area, at 2.47 million acres, is down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 21 percent from 2009, and the lowest level since 1882. Average yield per acre, at 73.6 bushels, is up 1.3 bushels from August and 0.6 bushel from last year. This is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866.

**Oat** production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year.

Small Grains Annual Summary: Area Planted and Harvested  
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and 2010

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley	1,210	720	1,130	675	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,471
Oats	350	280	165	110	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,268
Rye <sup>1</sup>					1,241	1,211	252	265
Wheat, All	8,680	8,530	8,415	8,400	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,657
Winter	580	330	545	320	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749
Durum	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,780	2,554	2,570	2,428	2,529
Spring	6,450	6,400	6,300	6,300	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,379

<sup>1</sup> Published at U.S. level only.

Small Grains Annual Summary: Yield and Production  
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and 2010

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States			
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Barley	<i>Bu</i>	70.0	65.0	79,100	43,875	73.0	73.6	227,323	181,884
Oats	<i>Bu</i>	68.0	63.0	11,220	6,930	67.5	64.6	93,081	81,855
Rye <sup>1</sup>	<i>Bu</i>					27.8	28.0	6,993	7,431
Wheat, All	<i>Bu</i>	44.8	44.6	377,190	374,560	44.5	46.7	2,218,061	2,223,523
Winter	<i>Bu</i>	48.0	55.0	26,160	17,600	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Durum	<i>Bu</i>	39.0	39.5	61,230	70,310	44.9	44.0	109,042	111,350
Spring	<i>Bu</i>	46.0	45.5	289,800	286,650	45.1	46.9	584,411	626,937

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